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1. JUNE 10 CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT THE IDEALOGY AND GUIDANCE SECRETARIAT OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION ISSUED ON JUNE 9 FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO EGYPT: QUOTE - US PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT COMES IN THE WAKE OF THE OCTOBER WAR. THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VICTORIES WHICH THE ARABS WON IN THIS WAR IMPOSED NEW AND IMPORTANT FACTS ON THE AREA AND THE WORLD. THE VISIT ALSO COMES IN THE WAKE OF THE SEPARATION OF WARRING FORCES AND THE BEGINNING OF ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARABS TERRITORIES, AND THE POSITIVE ROLE WHICH THE US PLAYED IN THIS RESPECT. IT ALSO COMES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, A PEACE WHICH GUARANTEES THE EVACUATION OF ISRAEL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

UNDOUBTEDLY THIS VISIT EMBODIES THE TRUE DEVELOPMENT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS. IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THE DEPTH OF THE CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ARAB CAUSE. THE US HAS SHIFTED ITS STAND OF COMPLETE ALIGNMENT AND ABSOLUTE SUPPORT TO ISRAEL TO ONE OF WISE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARAB PROBLEM, AND OF CONVICTION OF THE NEED TO REACH A JUST SETTLEMENT TO IT,
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AND THE NECESSITY OF THE US PLAYING A POSITIVE ROLE IN THIS

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RESPECT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NEW LOGIC OF WHICH THE US WAS CONVINCED, IT BEGAN TO WORK IN A SERIOUS WAY TO BRING ABOUT A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS LED TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE SEPARATION OF FORCES AS A PRELUDE TO THE HOLDING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHEING PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE.

IN FACT, THIS CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE, AND THE POSTIVE RESULTS WHICH FOLLOWED, WAS THE OUTCOME OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONSCIOUS UNDERSTANDING OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES IMPOSED BY THE OCTOBER WAR, AND THE LEADING ROLE WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT PLAYS IN THE ARAB WORLD. THIS CHANGE IS ALSO THE RESULT OF THE EXCELLENT EFFORTS EXERTED BY US SECRETARY OF STATE DR HENRY KISSINGER.

IF OUR PEOPLE RECIEVE WITH ALL RESPECT AND WELCOME PRESIDENT NIXON AS GUEST OF PRESIDENT SADAT, THEY ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE AND THE POSITIVE RESULTS WHICH IT LED TO, ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE US AND PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY. FURTHERMORE OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRUE TO THE AIMS OF THEIR ARAB NATION REALIZE THAT THE MISSION WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON STARTED STILL REQUIRES GREAT EFFORTS FROM HIM, SO THAT THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES MAY BE LIBERATED AND THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE MAY RECOVER THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS THAT PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE MAY PREVAIL. UNQUOTE.
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